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Title: Human RALGDS-Like Protein 3

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Notice regarding the subject matter of the above-captioned application (FORM PTOL-456), having a mailing date of May 21, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

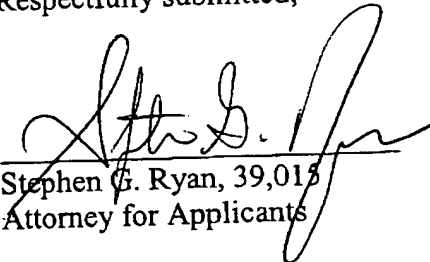
The Notice dated May 21, 2002, indicates that the subject matter of the instant application appears to be "useful in the production or utilization of special nuclear material or atomic energy." Applicants believe that this is not the case and suspect that the Notice was issued in error.

The instant application is in the Biotechnology field relating to novel human proteins, fragments thereof, vectors and host cells comprising isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding for the novel proteins, antibodies, transgenic cells and non-human organisms, and diagnostic, therapeutic, and investigational methods of using the same. Applicants believe that the instant application is not related to the production or utilization of special nuclear material or atomic energy.

Therefore, Applicants do not believe it is necessary or useful to prepare the requested statement regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the invention. Thus, reconsideration of the requirement is respectfully requested.

Notification that the requirement does not apply to the current application is earnestly solicited. If any questions remain or if this matter requires further discussion, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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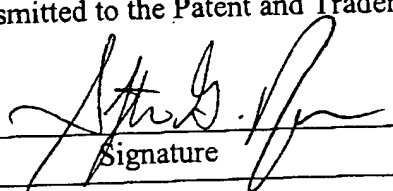
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Sincerely,

Stephen G. Ryan

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